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FOR LOWMAN FROM FRIEDMAN

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SREF  
SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES - MACAU TRANSIT CAMP

REF: HONG KONG 8635

1. CONSUL KREUSER AND EA REP FRIEDMAN VISITED MACAU JULY 6 AND 7  
TO CONSULT WITH CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE (CRS) OFFICIALS ON  
AVAILABILITY OF MACAU REFUGEE CAMP FACILITIES. THEY FOUND  
MACAU GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO UNHCR PROPOSAL  
FOR REFUGEE FACILITIES.

2. MACAU SOCIAL WELFARE AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN DRAFTING REPLY  
TO SAMPAKUMAR LETTER TO CRS DIRECTOR FATHER LANCELOT, BUT  
LANCELOT HAD REJECTED FIRST REPLY AS INSUFFICIENTLY FORTHCOMING.  
LANCELOT OBTAINED SECOND REPLY SIGNED BY MACAU UNDERSECRETARY  
FOR SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, WITH KNOWLEDGE OF MACAU  
GOVERNOR, DATED JUNE 30 (SAME DATE AS ORIGINAL REJECTED  
DRAFT). THIS LETTER, TRANSMITTED REFTEL, OFFERS FACILITIES  
FOR NOMINAL NUMBER OF 400. THESE FACILITIES, 2 INSTALLA-  
TIONS UNDER ADMINISTRATION OF MACAU DIOCESE, ARE IN EXCELLENT  
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CONDITON AND CAPABLE OF HANDLING FAR GREATER NUMBER.  
LETTER LEAVES WAY OPEN FOR INCREASE IN NUMBERS. CRS  
SEES COST OF CARE AT US\$5 PER HEAD PER DAY, INCLUDING  
EDUCATION. MACAU FERRY LINES EXPECTED TO FURNISH FREE  
HK/MACAU TRANSPORTATION.

3. FYI: CRS PLAYING IT COOL, AVOIDING INTRODUCING SPECIAL

CRITERIA OR SUBJECT OF EXPANDING NUMBERS, FOR REPRESENT. THEY WISH TO MAKE IT AS EASY AS POSSIBLE FOR UNHCR TO GET ESTABLISHED AND ARE CONFIDENT OF LOCAL SUPPORT FOR PROGRAM THEREAFTER. WRITING AND TRANSLATION ACCELERATED SO KREUSER AND FRIEDMAN COULD TRANSMIT TEXT TO LOWMAN TO GET EARLIEST RESPONSE FROM UNHCR. CARPENTER HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS HERE IN HK AND OF EXISTING CAPACITY FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER 400 FOR TOTAL OF 800.

4. MACAU CRS AND POLICE AWARE OF EMPTY BARRACKS, OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES, AND LARGE FACTORIES CAPABLE OF HOLDING THOUSANDS MORE. MACAU POLICE/IMMIGRATION REQUIRE NO EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTATION FOR REFUGEES ARRIVING VIA HK, MERELY NAME, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (ICEM NOMINAL ROLE) AND PHOTOGRAPH.

5. CONGEN WILL COMMENT FURTHER IN LATER MESSAGE, BUT BELIEVES IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT LOWMAN BE AVAILABLE FOR TALK WITH HKG AUTHORITIES. FATHER LANCELOT PROBABLY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG TO BRIEF LOWMAN WHEN CONVENIENT.  
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